

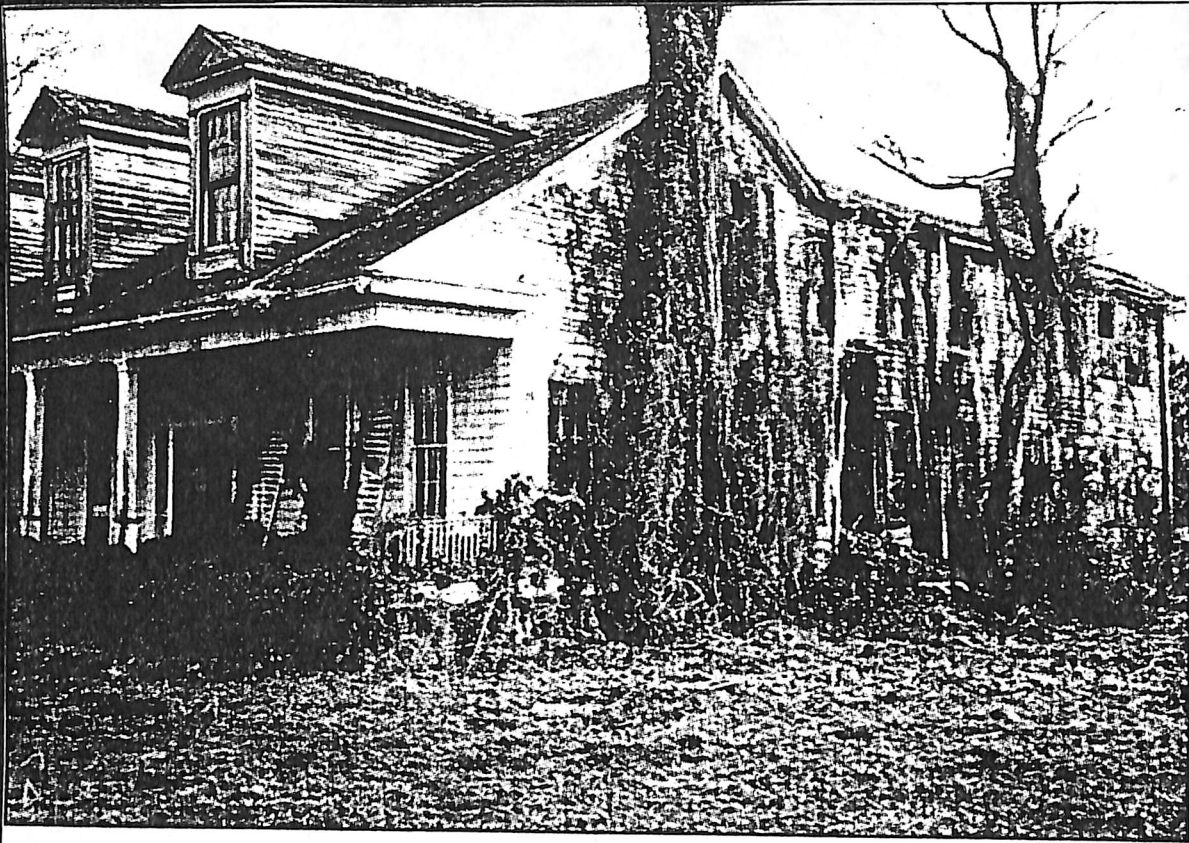
# Architecture – Eagle Bend Road

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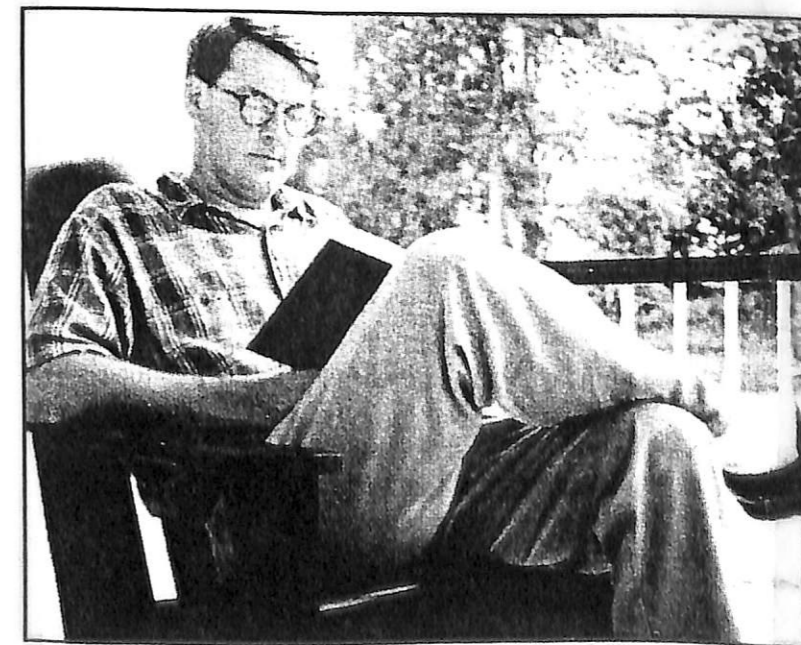
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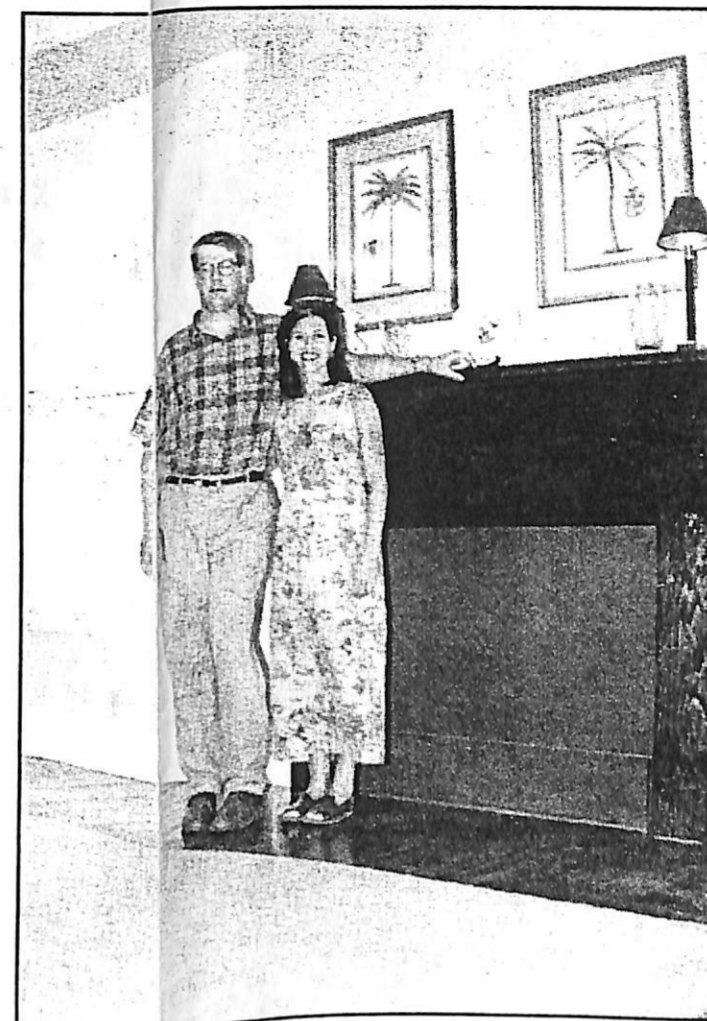
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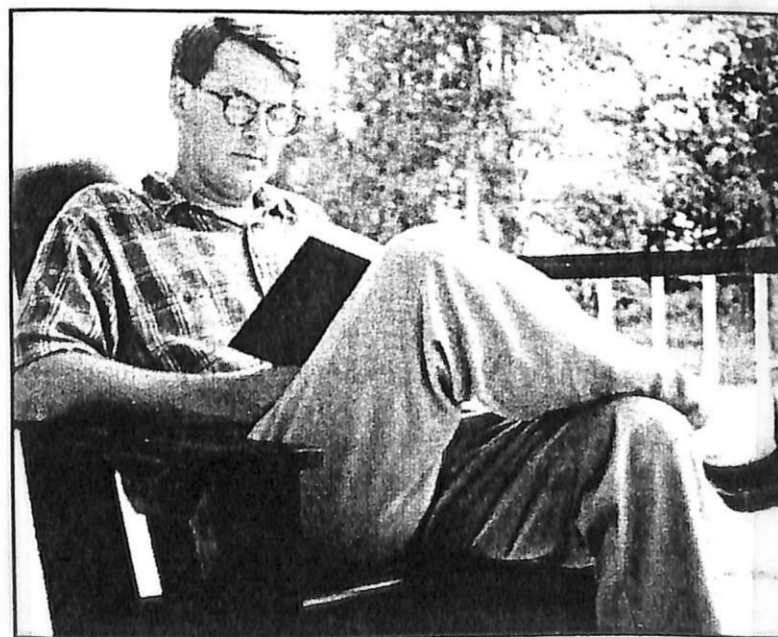
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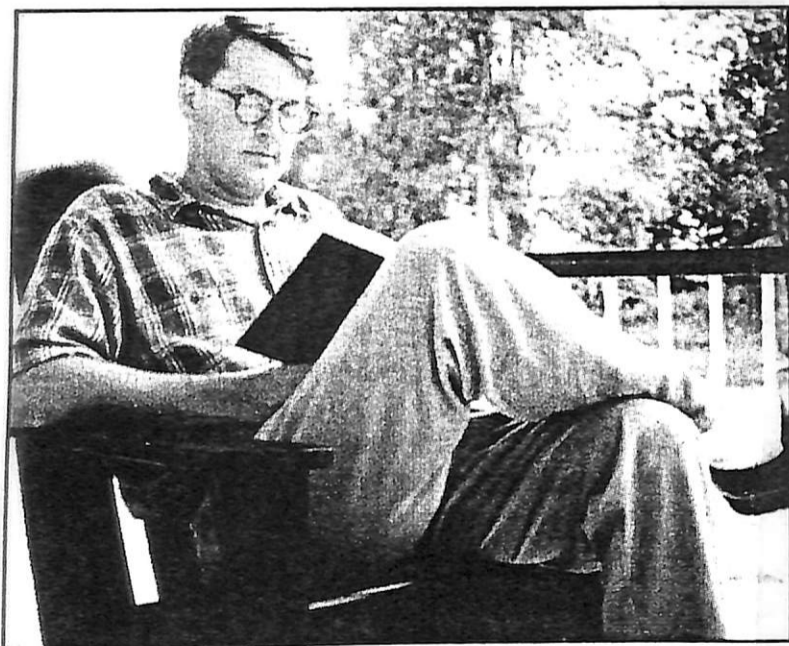


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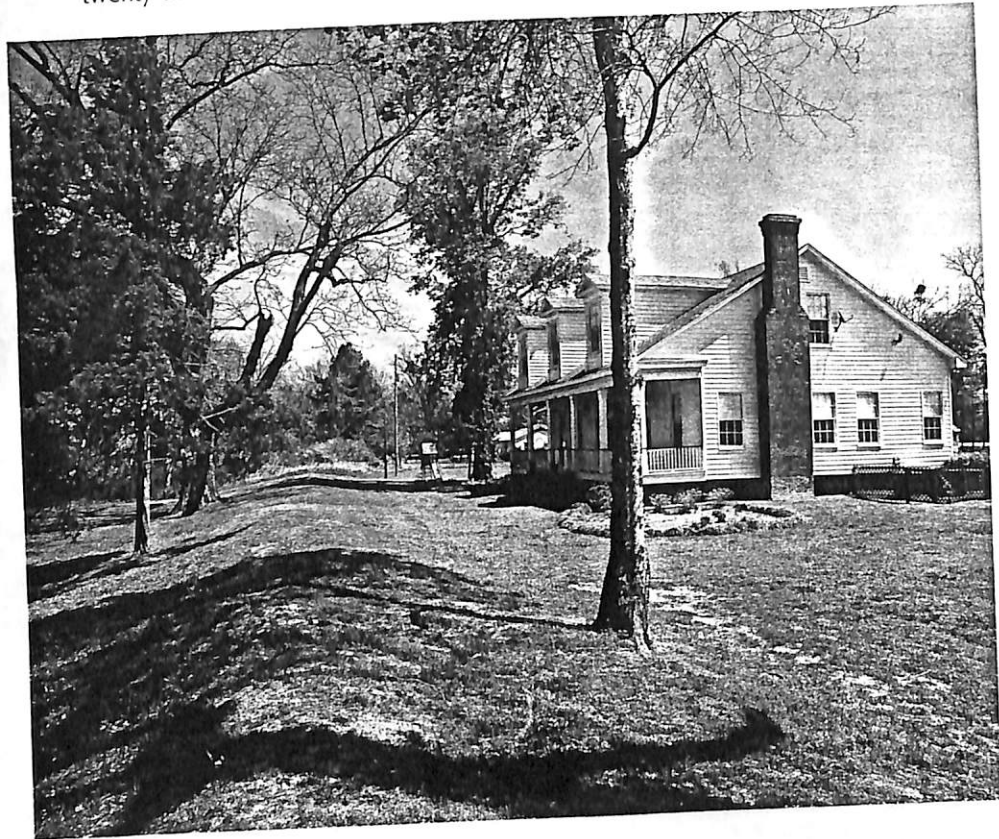


## The P-Line House

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Built in 1840 by architect James Galtney, this Greek Revival farmhouse was acquired by James Knox Dent in 1860 and has been in the Dent/Kinkead family for seven succeeding generations. In the 1860s, James Dent was a steamboat captain on the Parisot Line, transporting cotton and passengers down the Yazoo River to Vicksburg. He married Annie Kinkead, the daughter of a plantation owner, and together they formed a partnership with Sherman Parisot, the owner of the largest steamboat line in the region. The Dent home became known as the P-Line House because it served as the line's headquarters north of Vicksburg. Their daughter, Annie Kinkead Dent, led the women's suffrage movement in turn-of-the-century Mississippi.

The P-Line House is a true four-room, center-hall home, and its authentic dogtrot hallway opens in the front onto the Yazoo River, a mere one hundred feet away, affording a unique bird's-eye view of passing ships. A full-front gallery supported by six, square Doric columns overlooks not only the Yazoo River, but also the original Corps of Engineers' 1920s levee, as well as a towering, one-hundred-fifty-year-old pecan tree. The back door opens onto twenty-two hundred acres of family-owned cotton farming land.



The P-Line House, northwest elevation.



The P-Line house's center hallway opens onto a front gallery through double leaf doors with horizontal transom and sidelights. The nearby secretary, left, and hall tree, right, are original. The hardwood hall flooring is pine.

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